End of an Era?
Why Jimmy Takter plans to walk away after 2018

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**Why Takter is planning his exit**

Jimmy Takter, one of the most successful trainers or all time, said he plans to walk away from harness racing at the top of the game at the end of the 2018 season.

by Dave Briggs

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Jimmy Takter is planning to slow down in 2018 and take a sabbatical - or longer - beginning in 2019.

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Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter joked Wednesday at his barn in the Red Mile backstretch that he shares a kindred spirit with Cookie Monster. He wants all the harness racing cookies for himself. It makes it all the more surprising that he plans to cut back significantly in 2018 and take 2019 — and perhaps beyond — off from the game.

“I’m going to take 2019 totally off. I’m not going to do anything and then I’ll see where it goes and what I’m going to do,” Takter said. “I haven’t made any decision (what I am going to do), but I need the time off to come back myself. Whatever that means, I don’t know.”

Takter is a six-time Trainer of the Year who has won the award the last three straight years.

Frank M. Antonacci of Lindy Farms said Takter is, “the best horse trainer of all time.”

Why would one of the most prolific and successful trainers in modern history — perhaps ever — walk away from the game at the height of his fame when the competitive fire is still stoked?
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The last part is the issue. Takter, 57, said that fire doesn’t burn as hot as it once did.

“I don’t feel the motivation the same. I think to be really on top and successful you have to be very, very motivated. When you start losing that hunger, then it’s time to (leave),” Takter said. “That’s how I am. If I’m going to do this then I have to be 100 per cent into it otherwise it doesn’t work.”

He said he isn’t having as much fun anymore and he doesn’t want it to impact his owners.

“Believe me, nobody has better owners than me. My owners were hand-picked in the industry, every single one,” Takter said. “Most of my owners, they are wealthy people, but they want to have fun, including me.”

Takter said pressure is a factor in his decision.

“Part of it is there is extreme pressure on you to be top. I have been living under this pressure, and I’m not really a strong person in a lot of ways. I get depression very easily and I get down on myself. It’s hard...when I go down,” Takter said. “I want to be on the top, but I can’t all the time. It’s been 35 years doing this and it’s hard.

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"I want to get the stress out of myself and get myself, both mentally and physically, in better shape."

Antonacci said he understands why Takter might not have the same level of passion.

"The way he does things is so hands-on and so labor-intensive and emotionally-intensive, I can understand how he can get to the point where he says, 'This is my life's work and my passion and if I'm not having fun every day then I need to back off a little on it,'" Antonacci said, adding he can't, yet, truly handicap if Takter will be able to walk away.

"In my experience with Jimmy Takter, I don't think he's halfway about anything. That's what I would say. I don't know which way it's going to be, but it's not going to be halfway," Antonacci said, laughing.

But if Takter does exit the game, Antonacci said Takter's departure will, "leave a void in the business. I'm sure there's going to be a lot of other trainers quite happy. There might be some room to win some races now, but the guy's a legend. He's a living legend and I can understand it. What else does he have to win? What else does he have to prove?"

Takter admitted it will be hard to cut back. It's partly why he is giving more than a year's notice. He also wants to see the yearlings he bought in 2016 through their three-year-old seasons.

"We're going to buy a lot less. Instead of having 40 babies, I said we'll have 10, but that didn't work. We'll probably end up with 20-something; a little less."

After that, his plan is to send the majority of his horses to his daughter, Nancy Johansson and his top trainer, 37-year-old Per Engblom.

"I want to promote those two people. I live on my farm. They are going to be on my farm and if I hang around and I feel like coming down with Per and Nancy I can do that. Maybe they'll call me up about something, but I don't want to have to worry about it," Takter said. "They've been groomed to be independent and make their own decisions. I think they are very, very qualified to do this."

Takter said the hardest time will be in June when it's time for the babies to start hitting the track.

"That's going to be the time that I think, 'this is exciting'. You're going to miss things, but I spoke to Mike Lachance... he retired basically five or six years ago. He's helping Patrick a little bit and doing that when he feels like it. He said, 'I'm so happy with it, I feel really good about it.'"

Takter said he likely won't be training in 2019, but he will still be involved because he owns some horses and has even acquired a few new ones. At the opening session of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale on Tuesday, Takter bought two yearlings and spent $450,000, the second most of anyone. On Wednesday night, Takter bought six more yearlings and has already spent over $1 million through two days, making him the sale's leading buyer.

"I'm an idiot, believe me. When I go to a sale, especially when I drink a little bit," Takter said, laughing, "then I forget about retirement."

But what happens when Jimmy Takter is no longer in the industry? For sure, it's a game-changer, but Takter insists he is replaceable.

"I guarantee the show will go on, the races will go off. It's like if I die here tomorrow, the show will go on. It does," Takter said. "Of course, it will have an impact. We win a lot of big races and someone else is going to win those races, different horses... It's time to make room for new people."

Whether he stays or goes, Takter said he has many frustrations about the state of the game that haven't helped him want to stick around.

"I've been one of the highest buyers for the last 10 or 15 years, I haven't even got a Christmas card from one of the breeders. You're buying a freaking horse and nothing... Alan Leavitt was the only one that used to send something at Christmas, some steak knives or something," Takter said.

"They take people for granted a little too much, take the customers for granted."

Poor marketing and promotion of the sport is also something that bothers Takter.
The industry has changed so much. I think this business needs to really wake up with how they run the show,” Takter said. “I was here for a (Kentucky) Sires Stakes finals giving $1,750,000 out in purses. That’s a lot of money. That’s double what we give out all weekend in the Elitlopp. That evening, lights didn’t work, there’s maybe 200 people in the grandstand. It’s like you’re winning a $250,000 race and there’s no excitement around it. It’s just the money.”

Takter said the purses could be lower to do some promotion to get people to the track.

“You’ve got $1,750,000 to give out here in the Kentucky Sires Stakes, take $250,000 out of that because the government will do it eventually anyway. They’ve done it in every other state. Take it out and invest it and make an event of it. Maybe they won’t bet that much more, but we’re going to get the crowd to come here, bring people in here,” Takter said.

“So if you have $250,000 and maybe you get 10,000 people out here with giveaways and new excitement... maybe there’s 40,000 here in five or 10 years. But I guarantee when you have a Senator inviting his people here and you have $1,750,000 to give out in purses and there’s 200 people in the grandstand... how the hell is that Senator going to vote for harness racing? But if you have 10,000 or 15,000 people coming here, you know, it would be an event and we have to start to do it.”

Takter said the industry needs people who are experts in the entertainment business to book big acts.

“I would get Willie Nelson to come in here. They like country here. Then you have 20,000 people... Maybe only 5 per cent of people there think it’s fun, but they are coming back.”

He said the entire industry needs to take a percentage out of purses for professional marketing.

“Take Ontario, living on casino money. Pennsylvania, totally living on it. You’ve got to take a portion to do some kind of...”
marketing, you’ve got to hire qualified people,” Takter said. “One day in Pennsylvania they are going to take everything away. Every year, less, less, less money. It’s so stupid.”

He said the industry should institute a multi-country lottery-style bet similar to Sweden’s V75.

“Just try it – Mohawk, Meadowlands, Vincennes, Solvalla. Take seven countries. When we get the pool to $200 or $300 million, now we can attract people,” Takter said. “You have to start somewhere. The Kentucky Derby didn’t start with 200,000 people. First day, how many people were there?”

Takter also feels strongly the sport needs a commissioner to oversee the entire industry in North America.

“Harness racing is an absolutely wonderful game, but it has to have one leader,” Takter said. “One set of rules for all over, include Canada, too.

“If we don’t start doing something, there’s not going to be any harness racing 10 years from now because this government is going to take the money away. The Meadowlands tried to do something, because they have no casino money. They had to do something, but look at these other tracks. They’d be dead, back to $2,000 purses again,” Takter said.

Is the state of the game a main reason for Takter’s impending departure? Will it cause other talented people to call it quits?

“I think you have to be concerned about that,” Antonacci said. “Is it a symptom of the industry or the symptom of the individual? Jimmy can answer that.”

For now, Takter plans to try something different in 2019, hoping out loud several times that he hopes whatever he does next won’t be boring.

He doesn’t think downsizing to a smaller stable would work well in his case.

“This is the problem with me. If I can be one of the best on top, I don’t know if I’m going to be satisfied (not being on top),” Takter said. “That could be an issue.”

No matter what, Takter is adamant you won’t find him hanging around the backstretch at Red Mile training a stable into his elderly years.

“It’s nice to stop when you’re on top,” he said. “I don’t want to be sitting around here with people saying, ‘Oh, Takter, that guy used to be good’.”

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Walner syndicated, going to stud at Southwind

Now that Walner is retired from racing and headed for Southwind Farms in New Jersey to stand stud, his owner, Ken Jacobs, and trainer, Linda Toscano, discuss the trotter's incredible talent, the tremendous opportunity ahead and what an emotional year it has been.

by Dave Briggs

Owner Ken Jacobs and trainer Linda Toscano announced Wednesday that Walner has been syndicated and will stand stud in New Jersey beginning in 2018. It brings an end to both the trotter's racing career and an emotional year.

“We did have a lot of European interest, but ultimately he’s going to stand at Southwind Farms next to Muscle Hill,” Toscano said. “We’re really happy that he is going to stay in the States and he’s going to stand in a good spot where he’s going to get the best possible opportunity and the best mares that are out there.

“The group of investors led by Lindy Farms and Brittany Farms will lead the syndicate and give this horse the best possible chance to be what he can be,” Toscano said.

David Reid’s Preferred Equine Marketing will be handling the syndication of Walner on behalf of Jacobs.

“It’s an incredible opportunity to be involved with such an outstanding horse the will supported by the best breeders in the sport within North America and Europe,” Reid said.

Jacobs, who lives in Baldwinsville, NY, said the trotter has already passed his fertility test.

Ultimately, the tremendous interest in having the son of Chapter Seven out of the Ken Warkentin mare Random Destiny go to the stud barn pushed Jacobs and Toscano toward retiring Walner from the track. Walner retires as a world champion with a record of nine wins in 10 starts, earnings of $567,652, a mark of 1:50.2 at three, and a Dan Patch Award as the 2016 two-year-old trotting colt of the year. He raced just two times in ’17 before suffering an injury.

“He blew away his competition every start and his last start was an impressive one. We raced him against aged horses to prep for the Stanley Dancer. He blew them away. The same thing in the Stanley Dancer. Unfortunately, he came out of that race with a small strain in his inside branch of his right front suspensory. I have absolutely have no problem with the rules of the Hambletonian as far as racing heats are concerned, but for my horse I was afraid that I would hurt him that day,” Toscano said.

“Ultimately, we made the decision that was in the best interest of the horse, with the intention of probably racing him in the Breeders Crown. But, then, the interest was so overwhelming to buy this horse and syndicate him and stand him at stud, that’s kind of what brought us a little bit off course... He’s been in training. I even thought about bringing him (to Kentucky), but when we decided to send him for the

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fertility testing it kind of derailed me a bit as far as his conditioning. That really cost us.

"If we did not test him and if I had just set my mind on the Breeders Crown, then, yes, I believe he could have raced. Soundness isn’t an issue. I worked him in 2:10 before I shipped down (to Kentucky). Whether he would’ve held up to the real speed, I don’t know. Speed kills."

In the end, Jacobs said it came down to money. He said he held firm on his price throughout the process.

If they didn’t want to give me my money, we would’ve been in the Breeders Crown,” Jacobs said, laughing. “Simple as that... I’m a businessman. I’m easy after the deal, but I have a number and you better hit my number or I’ll keep the horse.”

Toscano, who won the 2012 Hambletonian with Market Share, said she was “a basket case” after her and Jacobs made the decision to scratch Walner from this year’s Hambletonian.

“Obviously, I wanted to win it again, but, more so, Ken’s 80. This is the horse of a lifetime and most people don’t get a chance to have a horse like this horse,” Toscano said. “I wanted for him to have the opportunity to race in the Hambletonian. I was really brokenhearted about it.”
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Toscano said Walner (with Tim Tetrick winning at Red Mile in 2016) has a flawless gait and crazy speed.

Jacobs said it has led him to double his efforts to win the Hambletonian.

“We’re trying to find another one. If there’s one out there that we could be lucky enough to get, we’ll try to get him,” he said. On opening night of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale on Tuesday at the Fasig-Tipton Pavilion, Jacobs paid $215,000 for King Hill, a Muscle Hill colt out of Lifetime Pursuit.

As for Walner, Jacobs said the horse has the potential to be a breed-changer.

“The upside is unbelievable,” he said.

“We had an enormous amount of interest in this horse,” Toscano said. “The industry as a whole has all these Muscle Hill and Cantab mares and they need an outcross to breed to – lucky us.”

As for what she hopes Walner passes on to his offspring, Toscano said, “his flawless gait. his crazy speed. You had to be careful, because he could go so fast, so easily. He loved it. If you take the pedigree, from the mares I think he’ll get, then add his desire, his speed and just the natural ability, we’re going to be just fine. He’s a big, good-looking horse, too. Long-legged. This horse just gets over the ground so easy. He floats.”

Toscano was adamant that Walner could have broken 1:49.

“I’ve never been more sure of anything in my life, that he would’ve trotted in :48-and-a-piece (in Lexington),” Toscano said. “There’s no question in my mind that he would’ve done that.”

Jacobs said he loves to watch his horses race and said he will miss seeing Walner on the track.

“I love racing and I love to see two horses fighting it out down the lane. Unfortunately, he just blew them away, so there wasn’t much fight to watch, but I’ll take that,” Jacobs said, laughing. “It’s easier on the emotions and the heart. He was just an unbelievable horse.”

Asked if they were taking something of a risk standing Walner in New Jersey given the state of the program there without slots at the racetracks, Jacobs said he’s thinking beyond that state.

“He’s Grand Circuit,” Jacobs said.

Toscano added that taking advantage of a dual-eligibility program, such as the one in Kentucky, helps even the playing field.

“The dual eligibility is a band-aid while New Jersey goes through what it’s going through,” she said.

Slots or no slots, Jacobs said he loves thinking of Walner standing at Southwind Farms

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The sale topper, so far, is this Muscle Hill filly out of Sina named Beautiful Sin which sold for $480,000 Wednesday during the second session of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale.

Gural sells $480,000 session topper to Lindstrom

The owner of the Meadowlands Racetrack said he was in shock after selling the sale-topper, so far, during the second session of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale on Wednesday at Fasig-Tipton.

by Dave Briggs

Randy Manges said it’s “pretty unusual” for the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale to produce the sale-topper on day two of the sale, but a bid of $480,000 may just hold up through all five sessions of the sale being held through Saturday (Oct. 7) at the Fasig-Tipton Pavilion in Lexington, KY.

“That’s a big number,” said Manges, who manages the sale with David Reid.

Swedish agent Robert Lindstrom paid that price for hip #239, a Muscle Hill filly out of Sina named Beautiful Sin bred by Meadowlands owner Jeff Gural, his wife Paula Gural and Monica Reschke, the wife of trainer Bob Bengal. The trotter was sold out of Bob Boni’s Northwood Bloodstock consignment.

Gural was ecstatic that Beautiful Sin brought just shy of half-a-million dollars.

“Well, I’m in shock, but I’ve been doing this a long time and I deserve it. My wife and Monica Bengal own 45 per cent,” Gural said. “I’ve been down here with all my horses other years and they didn’t sell for $480,000 (combined).”

It was the highest-priced yearling both Gural and Boni have ever sold.

“It’s great because of the people involved,” Boni said. “That makes it so nice. The buyers are happy. I’ve just come back from showing (him/her) to the buyers again. They are happy as can be.”

Lindstrom, who bought Beautiful Sin for an undisclosed client, said he didn’t expect to have to pay $480,000 to get her, but couldn’t be more excited.

“Without a doubt, she was the most outstanding filly in the sale,” Lindstrom said.

When the hammer fell, the sales facility burst into applause.

Gural said he bred Beautiful Sin’s dam, Sina and was planning to sell her as a yearling, but had to take her out of the sale. He then gave half of the horse to his wife and Reschke.

“I figured, ‘Here, you go have fun with the horse’. So they won $150,000 and then I made a deal with them. I said, ‘Okay, I’ll pay all the bills and use my Muscle Hill breeding and I get 50 per cent and you get 50 per cent’. I ended up with an extra five per cent somehow, but... this is ridiculous.”

Reid said it wasn’t the only exciting moment of the night.

“I watched Midland Acres sell their horse tonight, a brother to Pinkman. They only had one horse selling tonight and, after the horse sold, the groom, the owner, the caretaker were out there and emotionally excited that they had such great success. That’s the key to having a great sale – the people who sell one yearling a night or 10 yearlings a night, they are all important and all have good horses. I was happy to see that; Reid said.

In all, 158 yearlings went through the ring Wednesday. The session gross was $12,146,000 and the average was $76,873, which is up 8.43 per cent from the $70,897 fetched on day two in 2016.

“The gross, I think, it’s up about 18 per cent; Reid said. “The median is up about five per cent. Cumulatively, last year we were at $21.6 million and this year we’re at $22.7 million gross. And we’ve sold 10 more horses this year.”

Through two sessions, the 2017 sale has grossed $22,780,000 for 251 yearlings sold and produced an average of $90,757 that is down 2.1 per cent from the two-day average of the record 2016 sale of $92,717. The two-day average in 2015 was $76,845, meaning the average jumped...
18.1 per cent from 2015 to 2017.

“The depth of the catalogue was factual and I think it held up,” Reid said. “I thought the pacers held up very strongly. I don't know about the comparisons from year to year, but I thought there was great energy the whole night and I thought the sale had good pace.”

“And then we sold, I think, seven more $100,000 horses than we did last year,” Manges said. “So, overall, we sold around 20 more $100,000 horses this year (than last through two sessions)... It's getting spread out. There are a lot of horses selling for good prices.”

That includes hip #130, a colt by A Rocknroll Dance out of Somwherovrarainbow named Spectrum fetched $330,000 from Diamond Creek Racing of Wellsville, PA. The price equalled the sale topper from Tuesday's opening session — the Father Patrick colt out of Designed To Be named Rifleman purchased by Courant Inc. of Delray Beach, FL.

Spectrum was bred by Diamond Creek Farm and Ted Gewertz.

Gewertz said the purchase was not a buy-back. He sold his interest in Spectrum.

“I was always selling,” Gewertz said. “I heard he was nice and everything and he certainly looked nice.”

Diamond Creek's Adam Bowden said he simply loved the colt — the first foal out of a Somebeachsomewhere mare that earned over $1.3 million and had a mark of 1:48f — and wanted to keep him.

Spectrum was the sale topper for an undisclosed client.

"I called (Gewertz) in March and said, 'We have a pretty nice colt.' If it were totally up to me we would have kept him to race him, but I think the right thing to do for Ted (and his wife) Claire and us was to put him through the ring and may the best man win,” Bowden said. “We liked (Spectrum) from Day One. We knew all of his idiosyncrasies and everything about him, so if I owned him 100 per cent, he wouldn't have been here. He was that nice of a horse for me.

“It was the right thing to do, to put him in here. For the sire, it was the right thing to do, too. He's coming off a win by Lost In Time in the Metro and to have that kind of number... Somebody might say that we were running it up, but there was a live bid at $320,000.”

Gewertz said he was happy with the sale price.

“I was hoping for in the $200,000s or more,” Gewertz said. “(Bowden) must have loved the horse.”

Bowden said Spectrum is, “like the mare and he’s a little bit like the stallion, and that's the right combination. We'll find out next year, but so far so good.

“I'm kind of interested in who has interest in training the horse. I don't have a plan yet.”

Jimmy Takter bought six yearlings during the second session to top all buyers, so far, for the sale with $1,097,000 spent on eight horses. Ron Burke purchased eight yearlings on Wednesday and has now bought 12 for $925,000 combined, followed by Ake Svanstedt ($882,000), Lindstrom ($710,000), Determination Stable ($705,000), Norwegian Reijo Liljendahl ($660,000), Team Allard ($586,000) and
Diamond Creek’s Adam Bowden paid $330,000 to dissolve a partnership with Ted Gewertz on hip #130, the A Rocknroll Dance colt out of Somwherovrarainbow named Spectrum.

Crawford Farms ($580,000).

Through two days, A Rocknroll Dance leads all sires with a $151,250 average for four yearlings sold. Forty Muscle Hill offspring have averaged $124,700 and Somebeachsomewhere is third with an average of $117,130 for 23 yearlings sold.

Preferred Equine leads all consignors with $5,098,000 in sales, followed by Kentuckiana ($2,825,000), Hunterton ($2,182,000) Northwood ($1,775,000) and Diamond Creek ($1,620,000).

Manges said it’s only the beginning.

Of Spectrum, Gewertz said, “I was always selling.”

“I think we still have a lot of depth in the sale,” Manges said. “I think (Thursday) night, it’s a good session and, going forward, it’s a strong sale. Certainly, that part of the sale is as strong as last year.

“A lot of guys are still searching and looking, so I’m hoping (tonight) is equally as good.”

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Through two days, the Lexington sale is proving to be as deep as predicted.
10/5 PACERS
#269, DANCE OBSESSION*, F, PA
A Rocknroll Dance-Where The Heart Is-Abercrombie
1/2-sister to Fashion Heart,
p. 3, 1:49.3f ($432,860)

#271, THREE WEST*, C, ON
Mach Three-Maid West-Western Hanover
1/2-brother to Western Expression,
p. 1:51.2f ($242,689)

#276, JEFF'S JOURNEY*, C, ON
Shadow Play-Alota Bling-Badlands Hanover
First foal. Dam is 1/2-sister to Mc William,
p. 1:51.1f ($230,723)

#281, ASHLEE SPARKLES*, F, NY
Art Major-Ashlee's Star-Western Hanover
Dam is 1/2-sister to Betterthancheeky,
p. 1:48f ($1,635,364)

#284, BETTER EARL, C, ON
Betterthancheeky-Bad Sister-Badlands Hanover
First foal. Dam is 1/2-sister to Warning Zone,
p. 1:48.3 ($725,228)

#285, BAY SKY*, F, NY
Art Major-Bay Girl-Royal Mattjesty
Dam is Bay Girl, p. 3, 1:50s ($576,130)

#290, THREE CHIPS*, F, ON
Mach Three-Benazire Blue Chip-Art Major
First foal. Dam is 1/2-sister to Mach It So,
p. 1:48f ($2,166,543)

#301, CAFE SOCIETY, F, ON
Betterthancheeky-Bunkhouse Babe-Royal Mattjesty
Dam is 1/2-sister to Freedom Crossing,
p. 1:51.3f ($320,691)

#310, JOE'S GIRL*, F, NY
Roll With Joe-Donna's Girl-Village Jove
Dam is Donna's Girl, p. 3, 1:53s ($497,837)

#312, MAINTENANCE MAN*, C, ON
Betor's Delight-Double Flip-Badlands Hanover
Dam is 1/2-sister to Three Of Spades,
p. 1:49.2f ($788,404)

#322, BETTERTHANBAD*, F, ON
Betterthancheeky-Fit N Bad-Badlands Hanover
Dam is 1/2-sister to Fancy Camelot,
p. 1:53.4 ($170,701)

#324, MAJOR MARK*, C, NY
Art Major-Flirtwithedealer-Cam's Card Shark
Dam is Flirtwithedealer,
p. 1:51.1f ($469,175)

#346, SOUTHERN SUCCESS*, C, NY
American Ideal-KG Delight-Northern Luck
Dam is KG Delight, p. 1:50.1 ($815,548)

10/5 PACERS (cont.)
#347, TALENTED WRITER, F, ON
Sportswriter-Kim's Royal Day-Royal Mattjesty
Dam is Kim's Royal Day,
p. 3, 1:51f ($331,648)

#355, LOVE'S DELIGHT*, F, ON
Betor's Delight-Love You Forty-Artsplace
1/2-sister to Handsommycane,
p. 2, 1:52.1f ($610,795)

#395, RIDE CAPTAIN RIDE*, C, PA
Captaintreacherous-Restive Hanover-The Panderosa
Dam is Restive Hanover,
p. 3, 1:51.4 ($941,971)

#399, BACK ROAD*, C, NY
Roll With Joe-Royal Distraction-Royal Mattjesty
Dam is 1/2-sister to Lucky Bettor,
p. 1:51.2f ($766,404)

10/6 PACERS HIGHLIGHTS
#402, BAG OF FIGS*, C, ON
Shadow Play-Sass Newton-Storm Compensation
1/2-brother to Newborn Sassy,
p. 1:50.1-'17 ($675,165)

#411, RECORD YEAR*, C, ON
Shadow Play-Streisands Place-Artsplace
1/2-brother to Red High Heels,
p. 3, 1:52.1 ($292,235)

#462, DESIGN WINNER*, C, NY
Credit Winner-Clasicaly Designed-Lindy Lane
First foal. Dam is 1/2-sister to Shadow Play,
p. 1:49.4f ($1,541,924)

#470, EXPLOSIVE FORM*, C, PA
Explosive Matter-Exotic Form-Malabar Man
First foal. Dam is 1/2-sister to Exotic Form,
p. 1:50.2 ($705,185)

#474, GOSSIP GUY*, C, ON
Sportswriter-Fibbertigibbet-Albert Albert
1/2-brother to Swift As A Shadow,
p. 1:50.1f ($395,969)

#490, JO JO ROLLS*, F, NY
Roll With Joe-Village Jovial-The Panderosa
1/2-sister to Happy Trio,
p. 3, 1:51f-'17 ($208,945) CAD,
& Kolt Power, p. 1:51f-'17 ($205,102)

#494, COVERED BRIDGE*, C, NY
American Ideal-Stonebridge-Kiss-Artsplace
Dam is Stonebridge Kisses,
p. 1:50.2s ($1,011,737)

#497, JACK NATION*, C, NY
American Ideal-Ladyjack-Cam's Card Shark
1/2-brother to Real Drama,
p. 1:50.3 ($160,295)

#506, CUSTOM CUT*, C, ON
Shadow Play-Love That Cut-Presidential Ball
Dam is Love That Cut,
p. 1:53f ($301,062)

#536, PINK IDEAL*, F, PA
Western Ideal-Perkins-Perfect-Cam's Card Shark
Family of Big Jim,
p. 2, 1:49.1s ($1,541,924)

#539, SERENA SAID*, F, PA
Well Said-Selina's Joy-Dragon Again
Dam is 1/2-sister to Shadow Play,
p. 1:47.4 ($1,549,881)

#553, DANCEATHON*, C, PA
A Rocknroll Dance-Thong-Western Hanover
Dam is Thong, p. 3, 1:50.2 ($705,185)

10/6 TROTTERS
#462, DESIGN WINNER*, C, NY
Credit Winner-Clasicaly Designed-Lindy Lane
1/2-brother to Classical Annie,
p. 1:53.3-'17 ($326,267)

#470, EXPLOSIVE FORM*, C, PA
Explosive Matter-Exotic Form-Malabar Man
First foal. Dam is Exotic Form,
p. 2, 1:58.2s ($151,891)

#489, JORDANS ANGEL, F, ON
Archangel-JJ's Jordyn-Angus Hall
Dam is 1/2-sister to Jojo's Angel,
p. 1:54.3 ($208,945) CAD

#519, DREAM NATION*, C, ON
Archangel-Mississippi Dream-Dream Vacation
Family of Snow White,
p. 2, 1:52.4 ($1,433,551)

* Stored Stem Cells Available
All records & earnings are as of 9/29/17
Red Mile Memories

photos by Dave Landry
## Top Sold - Day 2 (Top 20)

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## Harness Racing Update

### LEXINGTON SELECTED

**2017 Selected Yearling Sale**

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### Harness Racing Update

#### Historical Averages - Day 2

| Year | Pacing Colts | Average | Median | Pacing Fillies | Average | Median | Trotting Colts | Average | Median | Trotting Fillies | Average | Median | Pacers | Average | Median | Trotters | Average | Median | Colts | Average | Median | Fillies | Average | Median | Total | Average | Median |
|------|--------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------|--------|---------------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|----------|---------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| 2017 | $58,615      | $84,923 |        | $86,171      | $52,500 |        | $75,589       | $75,000 |        | $70,897       | $75,000 |        | $57,500 | $70,000 | $59,485 | $42,419 | $70,543 |
| 2016 | $56,261      | $75,589 |        | $77,901      | $65,000 |        | $77,901       | $77,500 |        | $70,543       | $77,500 |        | $67,725 | $65,000 | $56,429 | $51,222 | $70,000 |
| 2015 | $56,045      | $89,810 |        | $88,000      | $80,000 |        | $89,810       | $89,429 |        | $86,171       | $86,171 |        | $69,485 | $85,000 | $59,707 | $51,222 | $80,000 |
| 2014 | $50,049      | $76,873 |        | $76,873      | $65,000 |        | $76,873       | $76,873 |        | $76,873       | $76,873 |        | $59,485 | $56,000 | $59,485 | $50,049 | $56,000 |

#### Session Totals - Day 2

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**Hip #103**, a Muscle Hill colt out of Viva Las Lindy sold for $225,000 to Norway’s Reijo Liljendahl.
## Harness Racing Update

### Buyer Demographics - Day 2

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Live Harness Racing Returns
Racing Returns Saturday, November 4
Saturdays in November / Thursday-Saturday in December / First Post 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 25

Featured Races
$300,000 Three Diamonds
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$350,000 Valley Victory
$350,000 Governor's Cup
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Post Time 7:15 p.m.
Selling Ontario

Jackie Warner was on a mission in Lexington to sell the Ontario program on behalf of Ontario Racing.

by Dave Briggs

Jackie Warner said the best way to let people know Ontario’s harness racing industry offers one of the most lucrative programs in North America is to tell them herself.

Warner was in Lexington this week, making the rounds at the Fasig-Tipton Pavilion during the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale talking up the Ontario program on behalf of Ontario Racing.

“My job this trip is to promote the Ontario-sired product and, more importantly, the program. The program for next year, 2018, has some changes that have been made and we want people to be aware of those changes, understand those changes, so they can made a wise investment and know where their opportunities are, what the possibilities are,” Warner said.

In her third trip to Lexington to promote the program, Warner went shedrow to shedrow at Fasig-Tipton explaining the Ontario program in 2018 is projected to be worth $15 million, total, including participation fees. Purses for the Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) program will be $13.25 million and Ontario Bred Rewards will total $1.13 million.

The OSS will continue to be split into the Gold Series and Grassroots, with a bonus next year for Grassroots performers.

“We are reintroducing the Grassroots Semi-Finals,” Warner said of events that will each carry a $20,000 purse.

Meanwhile, there still is one big OSS event left in the 2017 season.

“We’ve got the Super Finals coming up, October 14 at Mohawk. Big night, a lot money and some outstanding horses. I know that Mohawk is pumped,” Warner said.
Merriman makes history, wins 800 races for fourth straight year

by Ken Weingartner / Harness Racing Communications

Aaron Merriman is not the type of person who sets statistical goals, but after becoming on Tuesday the first driver in harness racing history to win at least 800 races in four consecutive years, he admitted to having another number in mind: 1,000.

Only three drivers have reached 1,000 wins. Tim Tetruck holds harness racing’s record of 1,189 victories, set in 2007. Walter Case Jr. won 1,077 races in 1998 and Tony Morgan won 1,004 races in 2006.

Morgan is the only other driver to win at least 800 races in three consecutive years, which he accomplished in 2006, 2007 and 2008. He has surpassed 800 victories a total of four years in his career, with the remaining time occurring in 1996.

“Thata’s cool,” Merriman said Wednesday when told of his record streak. “I didn’t know that. I thought someone else would have done it. Thata’s awesome.

“I don’t set goals, which everyone kinda knows. I just try to look at the smaller picture, day to day, and the drives that I have in front of me. But when I heard somewhere in late June or July that I got my 500th win, I actually set a goal. I’d like to win 1,000. I just think it’s an amazing feat. I’d like to try to get that done. I’ll be aggressively seeking that. Eight-hundred came up fast. I’m glad I’m on pace.”

He then added, with a laugh, “I hope I can eclipse the goal I actually set. If I don’t, I’ll never set another one again.”

Merriman, who entered Wednesday with 803 wins, is averaging nearly three victories per day and is on pace for 1,061 wins this season. He trails Tetruck’s 2007 record-setting pace by 93 triumphs through a comparable number of days.

“Timmy’s record is pretty safe, I believe,” Merriman said. “He’s unbelievable. The pace he kept that year was awesome.”

Merriman’s 803 wins lead North America and put him 325 victories ahead of second-place Jason Bartlett. Merriman led all drivers in wins in 2016, with 890, and in 2015, with 874. In 2014, his 841 victories were second to Ronnie Wrenn Jr’s 847.

“There are so many great drivers out there,” Merriman said. “Some guys don’t get as much due, maybe because of their location. But I’m telling you, there are many drivers that can drive a good horse. There is a handful at every track that could succeed anywhere with the right horses. Catch driving is definitely a trade now and guys are good at it.

“I’ve got to race against David (Palone) every day, ” he added, referring to the sport’s all-time leader in wins, with 18,090. “You think I like to win? Let me tell you something, Palone is sicker than I am. If he loses with a horse he thinks should win, he’s upset. You can tell. I think that’s great. He wants to do good.

“You want to race with people like that. It makes you better. You’re not going to play basketball with a bunch of kindergartners and ever get better. I love it.”

For his career, the 39-year-old Merriman has won 9,532 races, which ranks 18th in North American harness racing history. He was the second-youngest driver to reach 9,000 victories, behind only Tetruck, who did it when he was 34.

“We are so fortunate to be able to drive horses for a living,” said Merriman, who lives in Ohio and keeps busy by driving at multiple tracks several days a week. “It’s unbelievable. We love the breed, we love the game, and I couldn’t be more blessed to have the opportunity to do this for a living.”
Siegeln and Campbell loaded with talented trio at Red Mile

Freshman trotting colts Crystal Fashion, Fashionwoodchopper and Patent Leather will compete this afternoon in International Stallion divisions at Lexington’s Red Mile for trainer Jim Campbell and newest Hall of Fame inductee Jules Siegel.

by Ken Weingartner / Harness Racing Communications

Jules Siegel’s successes as an owner and breeder led to his recent selection for enshrinement in the Harness Racing Hall of Fame, but the 89-year-old proprietor of Pennsylvania’s Fashion Farms hopes to continue adding to his list of accomplishments.

This afternoon, Siegel will watch three of his stakes-winning 2-year-old male trotters — Crystal Fashion, Fashionwoodchopper and Patent Leather — compete in International Stallion divisions at Lexington’s Red Mile.

Crystal Fashion is the 2-1 morning-line favorite in the second of five International Stallion splits while Patent Leather is the 5-2 second choice in the first division and Fashionwoodchopper is the 3-1 second choice in the final division. All three horses are owned by Siegel’s Fashion Farms and trained by Jim Campbell.

“I love them,” Siegel said of the three trotters. “They’re all in the same category. After having a couple years with (two-time Dan Patch Award winner) Broadway Donna, to come up with something like that, it’s a pleasure.

“That’s Jimmy. He was training them (Tuesday) morning and he said they’re such a pleasure to sit behind. And he deserves it. He’s put in so much work and so much effort to come up with three good colts.”

Siegeln, who will be 90 on Nov. 5, knows about good horses. He received the Owner of the Year Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2002 and 2009, an honor he
shared with his wife Arlene, who passed away in 2010.

In addition, Siegel was Standardbred Canada’s Owner of
the Decade for the 2000s and the Pennsylvania chapter of
the U.S. Harness Writers Association’s Breeder of the Year in
2008 and 2009. He was named to the Little Brown Jug Wall
of Fame in 2007.

The Siegels and Campbell won the 1995 Hambletonian
with Tagliabue. He was the first of the Siegels’ Dan Patch
Award-winning horses, followed by two-time recipient
Galleria, Broadway Hall, Broadway Schooner, Possess The
Will, and two-time honoree Broadway Donna.

Broadway Schooner, a daughter of stallion Broadway Hall
bred by the Siegels, won the 2009 Hambletonian Oaks and is
the dam of Broadway Donna.

Siegel’s induction into the Hall of Fame will take place July
1 at the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in
Goshen, N.Y.

“I’m ecstatic,” Siegel said. “I never imagined anything like
that would happen. I thought it was reserved for people who
really accomplished something. But I’m very happy it all
came about this way.”

Arlene, a retired nurse, and Jules, a retired pharmacist who
had founded and sold a chain of drugstores, worked together
at Fashion Farms. Arlene was among the people who guided
Jules through the early years of the farm’s operation, even
getting him to assist with the mares when their foals were
born.

“She was the real inspiration,” Siegel said of Arlene, his
wife of 55 years. “She bought the farm. She was great. When
I was a pharmacist, I didn’t even know what a horse looked
like. I became familiar by being with people who taught me
everything. It’s a wonderful thing, to really be associated with
so many people that I look forward to, that were my
inspiration.

“It’s not so much me, it’s the people in the industry. There
are so many good people who have helped me and given me
direction. Not only is it them, it’s the people who work on
the farm back home. I’m just a cog. There are a lot of people on
the farm who have been with me for over 20 years. I’ve got
an extended family. It’s a great feeling. I just hope it
continues for a while.”

The trio of trotters racing Thursday could help it continue
for a while. All three were involved in photo finishes in last
week’s Bluegrass Stakes divisions, with Crystal Fashion
winning by a nose, Fashionwoodchopper prevailing by a
head, and Patent Leather finishing second by a nose.

“He’s a colt we liked all winter training down,” Campbell
said. “He just needed a little extra time to find his way at
higher speed. I still think he’s going to be a better 3-year-old;
his grown a lot since he started racing. But he’s the type of
horse that knows how to win, and I’ll take that type of horse
any day.”

Crystal Fashion (Cantab Hall—Window Willow) is from the
same family as millionaire Loxide and world-record-holder
Farmer Jones. He was purchased for $100,000 at the
Standardbred Horse Sale. He has earned $204,618 in seven
starts.

“He’s been coming along really nicely,” Campbell said. “He’s
gone some really good races. Even when he hasn’t won he’s
been coming the right way at the wire. He’s gotten better
with more racing. He’s kind of a big colt and he’s starting to
put everything together.”

Patent Leather (Broadway Hall-Designable) has two wins
and has finished worse than second only once in six races.
The colt has earned $63,142.

“He’s been an overachiever,” Campbell said. “He’s a colt
that’s got a lot of great determination. He’s not the prettiest
looking when he goes slow, but when he goes behind the
gate, he throws everything away. He reminds me a lot of
Broadway Hall. He looks a little bit like him and he’s got the
same attitude. He just loves to race. I have to give Jules all
the credit; Jules bought him privately all on his own.”

All three horses are eligible to the Breeders Crown later
this month at Hoosier Park.

Thursday’s complete Red Mile card available here.

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**HRU Race Results Criteria**

The following race results are contained in Harness Racing Update: U.S. and Canadian races with a purse of $15,000 and over, plus stakes races $10,000 and over.

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13, PHL, $16,000, P, Horses, Colts, and Geldings, 4 Years Old and Under, Non-Winners 5 Ext. PM Races or $50,000 Lifetime. (PA Preferred), 270.5, 56.3, 1:24.3, 1:53.0, FT

1-Caviart Reagan (g, 3, Bettor’s Delight—Angel’s Share, by Die Laughing) O-James R Mc Donald. B-Caviart Farms. T-Steve Elliott. D-Andrew McCarthy, $8,000, Lifetime Record: 16-8-4-2, $48,290

2-Sir Will’s Wish (g, 3, Cam’s Card Shark—Ashlee’s Wish, by Magical Mike), $15,000 2015 SHS-HBG O-James T King Jr. B-Winbak Farm. T-Jim King Jr. D-Eric Carlson, $4,000

3-Perfectly Close (c, 3, Ponder--Northern Rose, by Camluck), $45,000 2015 SHS-HBG O-Justin Lebo. B-Gary G Smith, CA. T-Justin Lebo. D-Vincent Ginsburg, $1,920

Calls: 4, 3, 1Q, HD, 1Q - Finish Order: Ascaryone Hanover, Northwest Yankee, Thedaythemusicied, Bettor’s Outlaw, Somebeach Baron

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HARRINGTON report

Wednesday’s Results:
2, Har, $100,000, P, DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND 2 YEAR OLD FILLIES FINAL, M, 28.4, 59.1, 1:27.4, 1:56.3, FT

1-Gracefullyforgiven (f, 2, Roddy’s Bags Again—Bluebird Wanda, by His Mattjesty) O-Jeffery B & David M Clark. B-Jeffery B & David M Clark. T-Jeffery Clark. D-Art Stafford Jr, $50,000, Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, $72,250

2-Ibetyoucanwiggle (f, 2, Mr Wiggles—Betting Machine, by Bettor’s Delight) O-George Teague Jr Inc.. B-Only Money Inc & George Teague Jr Inc.. T-Clyde Francis. D-Montrell Teague, $25,000

3-Pedal Power (f, 2, Roddy’s Bags Again—Calico Moon, by Totally Western) O-Darrell W & Leah A Lewis. B-Winbak Farm. T-Darrell Lewis. D-Tim Tetrick, $12,000

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1, 3, 4Q - Finish Order: Cheyenne Zone, Whistlers Sister, Lydia, Diabolical Spin, Lotta Luck

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4, Har, $100,000, T, DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND 2 YEAR OLD FILLIES FINAL, 29.4, 1:01.0, 1:31.3, 2:01.3, FT

1-Star Sapphire (f, 2, Roddy’s Bluestone—Victory Starburst, by Dancer’s Victory) O-Serendipity Stable. B-Serendipity Stable. T-Tui Stone. D-Russell Foster, $50,000, Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $54,000


3-Vandalous (f, 2, Jm Vangough—Mocha, by Chocolatier) O-Chambers Racing LLC & Cimbrew Enterprises LLC & Bcjim Inc. B-Chambers Lbl Cimbrew & W2. T-Nicholas Calahan. D-Tim Tetrick, $12,000

Calls: 1H, 1H, 2H, 1H, 2 - Finish Order: Uptown Spunk, Bigger Than Luv, Ms Smash, Alpine Chic, Whoa Winna Now

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5, Har, $15,000, T, OPEN HANDICAP Post Positions Assigned, 27.4, 58.0, 1:27.1, 1:56.1, FT


Calls: 8H, 4H, 2, Q, NK - Finish Order: Wind Of The North, Machuca, Sunset Mike

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6, Har, $20,000, P, DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND 2 YEAR OLD FILLIES CONSOLATION, 29.0, 1:00.0, 1:29.2, 1:59.3, FT

1-Nozy Neighbor (f, 2, Barber Pole--Mozi Hanover, by Jenna's Beach Boy) O-George Teague Jr Inc.. B-George Teague Jr Inc.. T-Clyde Francis. D-Montrell Teague, $10,000, Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $13,400

2-Bunker Away (f, 2, Dream Away--Bunker To Bunker, by Western Hanover) O-Bay Pond Racing Stable. B-Winbak Farm. T-Nicholas Callahan. D-Vince Copeland, $5,000

3-Studio Session (f, 2, Artzina--Tina's Bliss, by Blissfull Hall) O-Brendan D Cook. B-Winbak Farm. T-James Thompson. D-Jason Thompson, $2,400

Calls: 2, 2, 2, 1H, T - Finish Order: Memorydream, Gloria Pierre, Dancingaroundapole, Time And Motion, Kissingthatonegoodbye

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8, Har, $100,000, T, DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND 2 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS FINAL. 29.1, 1:00.4, 1:31.0, 2:01.0, FT

1-Bosston Cruiser (g, 2, Don Boss Vita--Southwind Carroll, by Malabar Man) O-Andrew R Glassmeyer. B-Alvin J Beiler. T-A Bobby Glassmeyer. D-Jonathan Roberts, $50,000, Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, $73,000


3-Sky Marshal (c, 2, CR Commando--Cr Penny Lane, by Lindy Lane) O-Carlo J Poliseno & Jane P Dunavant. B-Rod Allen Inc. T-Carlo Poliseno. D-Carlo Poliseno, $12,000

Calls: 2, 1H, 1, 1, HD - Finish Order: Super Fly, Seafood Suzie Blue, Camp Rehoboth, Photo Lavec, King’s Crown Lite

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9, Har, $20,000, P, DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND 2 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS CONSOLATION, 28.3, 59.0, 1:29.1, 1:57.2, FT

1-Mingo (c, 2, Barber Pole--A Good Witch, by Allamerican Native) O-George Teague Jr Inc., B-George Teague Jr Inc., T-Clyde Francis. D-Montrell Teague, $10,000, Lifetime Record: 8-6-2-0, $81,797, DE LAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND 10, Har, $100,000, P

10, Har, $100,000, P, DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND 2 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS FINALE, 28.4, 58.4, 1:27.0, 1:55.0, FT

1-Slick Tony (c, 2, No Spin Zone--Queen Kathy, by Cambest) O-George R Leager, B-George R Leager, T-George R Leager. D-Russell Foster, $50,000, Lifetime Record: 8-6-2-0, $81,797

2-Sea Bags (g, 2, Roddy's Bags Again--Sea Sign, by Life Sign) O-Jay L Shores. B-Winbak Farm. T-Jay Shores, D-Anthony Morgan, $5,000


Call(s): 2, 1H, 1H, 3, 4 - Finish Order: Jonnie T, Madefromlucky, Tame The Mane, Cinder Block, G W T

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HOOSIER PARK report

Wednesday's Results:

4, HoP, $24,500, T, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES ELIGIBLE** 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings (purse reflects $24,500 from SBDF), 28.1, 58.1, 1:28.0, 1:57.4, FT


3-The Lionking As (g, 2, Lionhunter--There's A Way, by Credit Winner) O-Acl Stuteri Ab. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Todd Warren, $2,940

Call(s): 13T, 9H, 7H, 3T, 1T - Finish Order: Hey Arch, Jail King, Libbigboy, Uncle Leo, Green Ridge, Odds In Play, Nothing But Muscle

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11, HoP, $80,000, T, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings - Final (blanket presentation to winner by ISA), 28.4, 57.3, 1:26.3, 1:55.0, FT

1-Fiftydollarbill (c, 2, Swan For All--Cr Dixie Chick, by Royal Troubadour), $16,000 2016 HOOSIER O-John E Barnard. B-John L Miller. T-William Crone. D-Trace Tetrick, $37,500, Lifetime Record: 14-6-2-1, $137,950


3-All On Black (g, 2, Swan For All--Right On Renee, by Andover Hall) O-Gabriella's LLC & Melander Racing Inc, B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Jenny Melander. D-John De Long, $9,000

4, Mea, $15,000, T, **W/O $10,000 LIFE HANDICAP** P.P.1

1-Satin Dancer (f, 3, Big Stick Lindy--Shaken Not Stirred, by Credit Winner), $40,000 2015 Hoosier O-Summit Pacing Acres LLC. B-Merle E Yoder. T-Byron Hooley. D-Ronni Wrein Jr., $7,500, Lifetime Record: 31-20-8-0, $506,961


Call(s): 40, 1Q, 1T, 2H, 2T - Finish Order: Swan Defined, Foxy Swan, J-s Jesses Girl, Intothelight, Her-b's Foxy Lady, Furiette, Donnas Dream

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THE MEADOWS report

Wednesday's Results:

4, Mea, $15,000, T, **W/O $10,000 LIFE HANDICAP** P.P.1 Assigned: 2-3 DRAWN; 4-6 DRAWN, 27.3, 57.0, 1:25.0, 1:54.4, FT


2-Troubador (g, Mr Qantab--Holiday Melody), $16,000 2016 HOOSIE R O-John E Barnard. B-John L Miller. T-William Crone. D-Trace Tetrick, $37,500, Lifetime Record: 14-6-2-1, $137,950

3-All On Black (g, 2, Swan For All--Right On Renee, by Andover Hall) O-Gabriella's LLC & Melander Racing Inc, B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Jenny Melander. D-John De Long, $9,000

4, Mea, $15,000, T, **W/O $10,000 LIFE HANDICAP** P.P.1


3-The Lionking As (g, 2, Lionhunter--There's A Way, by Credit Winner) O-Acl Stuteri Ab. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Todd Warren, $2,940

Call(s): 13T, 9H, 7H, 3T, 1T - Finish Order: Hey Arch, Jail King, Libbigboy, Uncle Leo, Green Ridge, Odds In Play, Nothing But Muscle

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